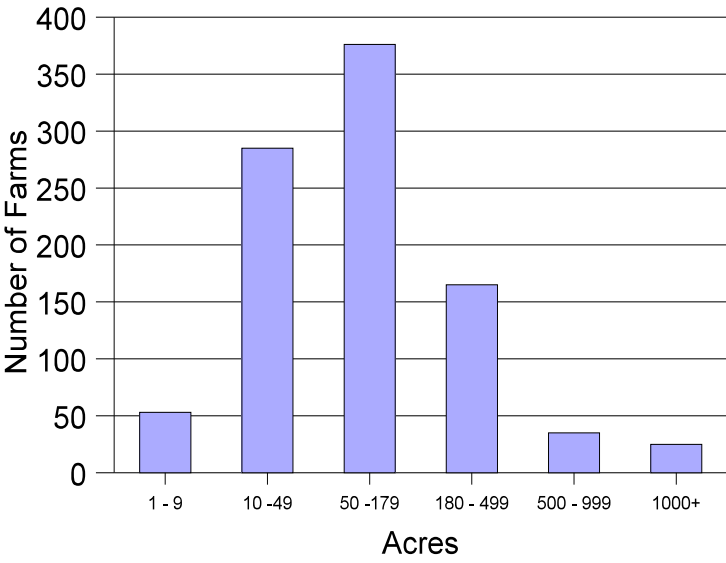
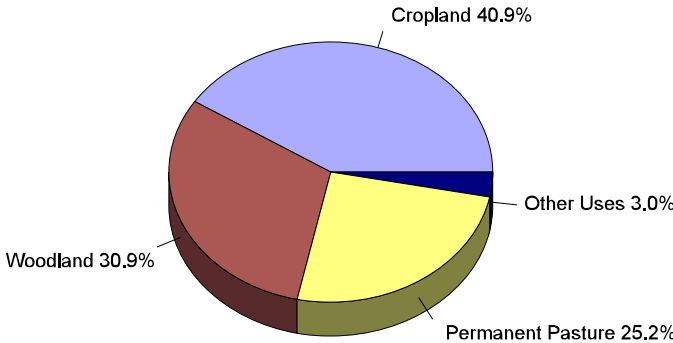


FARMS

Farms by Size



Land in Farms



Operator Characteristics

Principal operators by primary occupation:

Farming	486
Other	453

Principal operators by sex:

Male	859
Female	80

Average age of principal operator (years)

56.0

All operators <sup>5</sup> by race:

White	1,358
Black or African American	5
American Indian or Alaska Native	2
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	6

All operators <sup>5</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin

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Footnotes: 1/ Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with items. 2/ Beginning with 1997, data includes an adjustment for undercoverage. 3/Due to changes in definition and wording of questions, figures for "cropland pasture" and "other pasture" are not always comparable from the Census. Acreage beginning with 1964 refer to pastureland and rangeland, other than cropland and woodland pastured, on farms with sales of agricultural products of \$2,500 and over. 4/ Beginning with 1974, agricultural operations under individual management with annual sales of \$1,000 or more. 5/ Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm. NA Not Available. (D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than ½ of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Vol. 1, Geographic Series" for complete footnotes.



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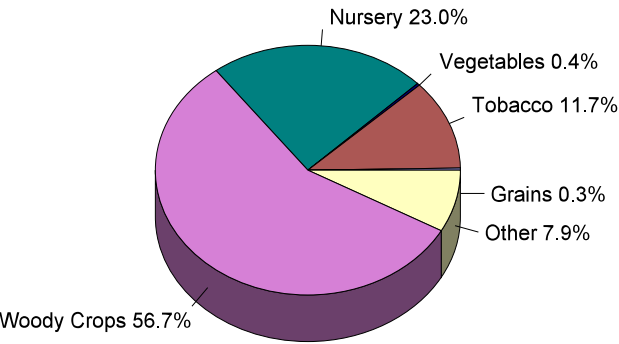
Grayson County is located in the southwestern part of Virginia on the Blue Ridge Plateau and borders North Carolina and Tennessee. Formed in 1793 from part of Wythe, the county is named in honor of William Grayson, one of the first two Virginia senators under the Federal Constitution.

The topography of the county is hilly to mountainous, although there is quite a bit of level land along the streams and high coves. The general elevation ranges from 2,000 to 3,000 feet above sea level, but the highest mountain peaks in the state, Mount Rogers (5,720 feet) and White Top (5,520 feet), are located in the southwestern part of the county. Woodland covers more than half the county and includes the Jefferson National Forest. Temperatures in the area vary widely, depending upon the elevation. The frost-free growing season averages 149 days for most of the county. Annual precipitation averages 41 inches.

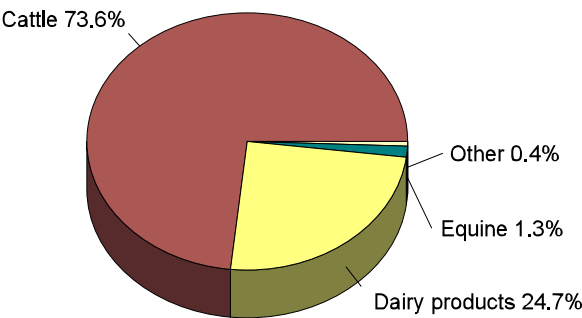
Highlights	2002	1997
Number of Farms	939	1,033
Land in Farms (acres)	150,609	147,341
Average size of farm	160	143
Market Value of Production		
County Total	\$27,828,000	\$20,424,000
Average per farm	\$29,636	\$19,771
Government Payments	\$216,000	\$160,000

CASH RECEIPTS

Crops



Livestock & Poultry



Ranked Items among the 98 state counties and 3,078 US Counties, 2002

Commodity	Quantity	State Rank	Universe 1/	US Rank	Universe 1/
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	22	86	95	2,642	2,871
Tobacco	798	20	43	279	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	15	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	30	81	95	2,220	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	93	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	1,567	28	95	907	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	3,863	1	76	16	1,774
Other crops and hay	(D)	(D)	97	(D)	3,046
Poultry and eggs	1	86	94	2,710	2,918
Cattle and calves	15,448	9	97	681	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	5,192	13	83	606	2,493
Hogs and pigs	2	70	90	2,686	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	71	21	93	1,017	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	282	24	94	788	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	44	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	87	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	34,016	16	97	937	3,059
Horses and ponies	1,229	19	97	1,011	3,065
Sheep and lambs	887	23	93	1,066	2,867
All Goats	713	20	95	725	2,971
Layers 20 weeks old and older	275	67	96	2,301	2,983
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	20,788	25	97	1,068	3,059
Cut Christmas trees	3,021	1	81	17	1,877
Corn for silage	1,462	25	87	919	2,307
Tobacco	291	19	43	262	563
Nursery stock	(D)	15	77	(D)	2,129

FARM DATA & LAND USE

YEAR	Number of Farms	Land in Farms	Avg. Value Per Acre For Land & Buildings	LAND USE					
				Cropland			Other Pasture 3/	Woodland	
				Harvested	Other	Pasture		Pasture	Not Pastured
	Number	Acres	Dollars	-Acres-					
1940	2,937	235,152	46	47,488	3,523	89,608	NA	NA	NA
1945	3,130	245,105	58	46,866	433	899	122,700	NA	59,081
1950	2,819	226,286	81	39,525	4,629	24,620	89,856	NA	57,836
1954	2,626	226,302	98	33,367	2,010	10,911	108,936	NA	64,224
1959	1,895	226,302	134	28,036	1,547	6,114	98,396	NA	55,001
1964	1,680	186,565	140	26,701	1,955	11,032	42,863	14,684	10,244
1969	1,338	177,336	246	22,397	3,899	53,291	30,553	15,481	14,035
1974 4/	1,036	159,323	485	21,229	2,393	49,504	30,180	17,061	13,711
1978	942	150,322	678	22,359	2,068	45,437	31,972	20,626	23,132
1982	995	142,840	797	20,661	1,562	40,321	30,325	23,227	22,009
1987	865	139,927	854	21,257	1,941	36,930	32,287	18,194	25,321
1992	871	136,320	1,150	21,588	1,687	42,397	26,908	19,352	20,782
1997 2/	1,033	147,341	1,480	24,171	1,832	42,867	21,839	26,279	25,599
2002	939	150,609	2,618	25,765	3,089	32,761	37,980	17,946	28,599

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